

CITY OF STEVENS POINT

**SPECIAL
PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE AGENDA
Monday, June 15, 2015 – 6:50 P.M.
Council Chambers, 1516 Church Street**

[A quorum of the City Council may attend this meeting]

Discussion and Possible Action on the Following:

1. Request to Hold Event/Street Closings – Violet Thompson Benefit – Request to hold a 5k run/walk fundraiser on Saturday, August 1, 2015. Request to close a section of Oak Street between Wyatt Avenue and East Avenue.
2. Adjournment.

RMC – Revised Municipal Code

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Mr. John Moe
City Clerk
1515 Strongs Avenue
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Dear Mr. Moe –

I am writing to you from the Violet Thompson Benefit to request permission from the city to have a 5K run/walk fundraiser. I have attached a letter that explains Violet's condition. Our requested date is Saturday, August 1, 2015.

The race would start at 9:30 a.m. We would like to use the same 5K route as last year's St. Paul Scamper, as they were well received by the Scamper participants.

We would like to close off the small section of Oak Street between Wyatt Ave. and East Ave. for the start/finish lines. This seemed to work really well for the past Scampers.

Should you have questions or concerns, please contact me at 262-227-8032, or apichelman@stpaulequips.com.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



April Pichelman
Violet Thompson Benefit
Head Committee Member

Every parent is thrilled to be celebrating the birth of their child. It was no different when Violet was born. But what preceded Violet's birth was nothing we were prepared for. Moments after birth what I remember hearing was lack of crying and the words "arm anomaly". Because of the arm anomaly and some other abnormalities genetic testing was immediately done. After days of waiting the genetic testing came back and it was discovered that Violet was indeed a special little girl. Violet was born with 7q33q36 deletion; she was 1 of 12 children in the world with 7q36 deletion and even less cases of 7q33 deletion. After many tests and scans we learned more about Violet. We learnt she was diagnosed agenesis of the corpus colloseum, the part of the brain in the center that connects the 2 hemispheres of your brain. In addition she had feeding difficulties, heart abnormalities, hearing loss, vision concerns, as well as an enlarged kidney. Violet spent 20 days in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit after birth. When Violet was 5 days old she had her first urinary tract infection, we almost lost her from this infection. With the fast action of the amazing team of nurses and doctors Violet became stable after some time and later found out what the cause was.

When Violet was 4 months old she had her first surgery to fix the blockage in her kidney. What was supposed to be a normal routine surgery ended a little different. Somewhere around 18 hours post operative Violet began seizing uncontrollably, she was transferred to the pediatric intensive care unit. We lost Violet's IV the night before so once she started having seizures the doctors had a difficult time getting medications in her and the seizures continued. They were finally able to get the IV access needed to get medication in her but her body was still seizing. She spent nearly 3 weeks in the PICU while they put Violet in an induced a coma to try to stop the seizures and save her life. Because of the length of the seizures Violet lost the milestones she had gained, she no longer cooed, she no longer smiled. This was a very dark and difficult time for the family.

Violet acquired quite the medicine cabinet in those short 5 months ranging from seizure meds, daily antibiotics, and medications to help her have regular bowel movements and of course vitamins. In addition to her medications Violet has had a team of specialist she must see, some on a biyearly basis while others less frequently. Shortly after Violet's 1st birthday she quit taking her bottles. Resulting one weekend with a trip to the emergency room for dehydration and feeding difficulty. We once again faced the feeding tube in her nose and scheduling surgery for a more permanent tube in her belly as well as tubes in her ears for the chronic ear infections she was getting.

I'm proud to say at nearly 3 1/2 years old Violet is a thriving, always beautiful little girl. While life has given her struggles and trials she is growing and making gains that people once said would not be possible. She has a long road ahead of her but continues to make gains and show her spunky little personality every single day. Violet is most peaceful when she is outside in the sunshine with the wind blowing through her hair. She loves music and snuggles and playing with her sister and friends at daycare.

Violet is working on walking with the assistance of a gait trainer as well as sitting and lifting her head better. In June she will be evaluated for a assistive communication device to help with communication and allow other to understand and help give Violet options for what she would like. She continues to wear bilateral hearing aids as well as glasses and is smart enough to know how to remove both of them.



Would you consider helping support Violet and being part of our team for the upcoming 5K fundraiser for Violet?

While insurance pays her medical expenses there are still many things that insurance won't pay for. Violet is wheelchair bound and insurance will not pay for her to have her own gait trainer because it is considered a "mobility device" and so is her wheelchair. We also are looking at getting a vest to help her sit better. Daycare discovered that there is a certain bumble bee that Violet absolutely loves and we would like to replace that one at day care as well as have one for home. Often Violets legs don't stay still in her sleep and we would also like to get a small weighted blanket to put on her legs while she sleeps. We are also looking to help pay for costs of daily living that insurance doesn't cover and most families of a 3 1/2 year old wouldn't need to pay for such as continued diapers and making special pads for her wheelchair to keep in clean from her bowel movements.

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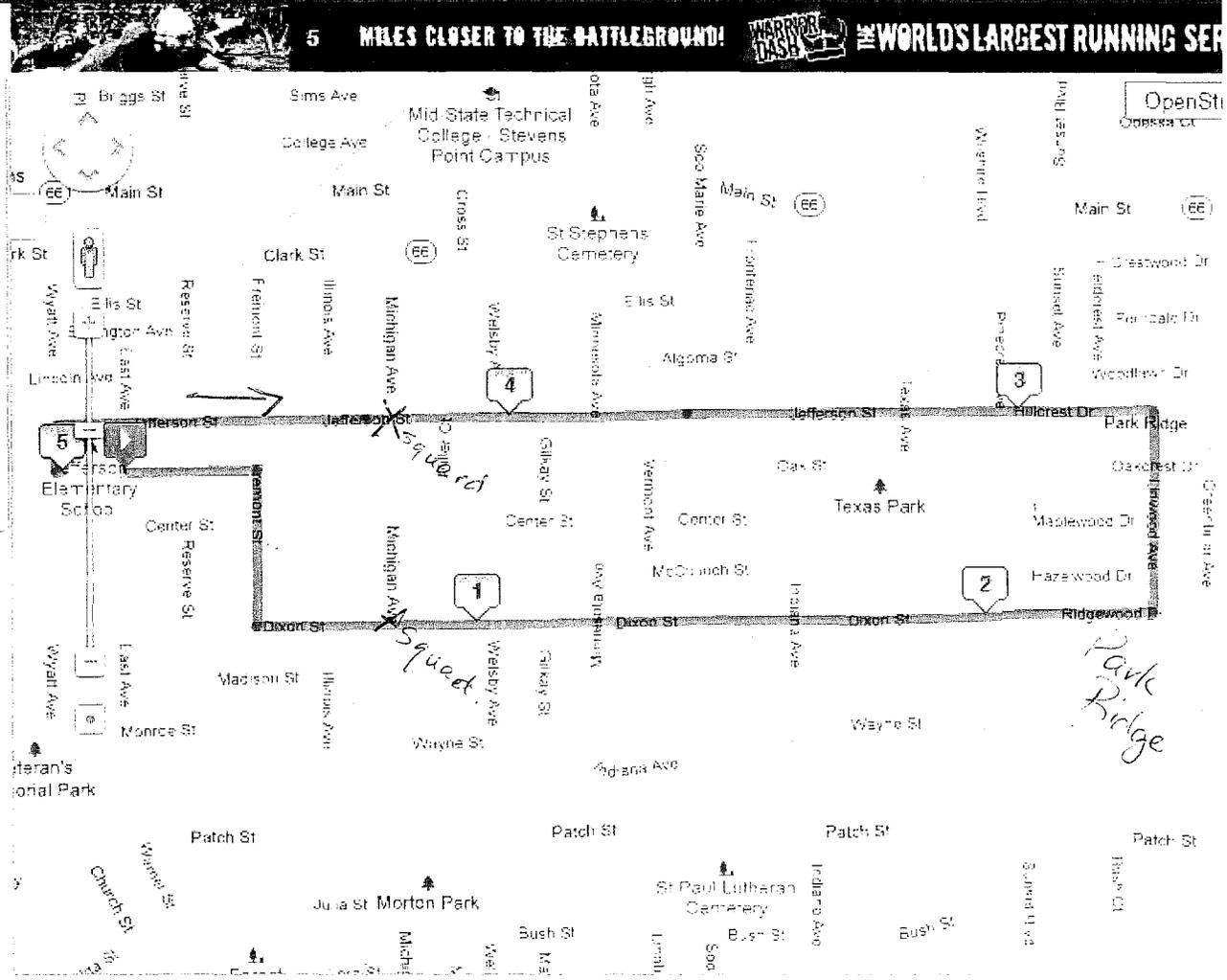
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